

Meeting minutes

2/12/2010

Lehigh Acres Street Lighting Board ~~2/11/10~~ 1pm meeting

Veteran's Park Recreation Center

Intro and welcome new member Isabel Mercedes

Comment from public, David Wagley and John Miller

Minutes reviewed and motion by Weiner Sec. by Camberato to accept, motion carried.

Review of Applications: 29 submitted, 18 approved, 2 declined, 1 already installed. 8 Need inspected, apps passed to proper ranger to determine if they qualify. Motion by Weiner to approve lighting apps, seconded by Paula, motion carries

Old business: Light bulb replacement was discussed by Edd Weiner. No contact to power company for changes in the type of lighting. Perhaps FPL will be the first company to contact because the sample area is serviced by them. Further discussion about the idea of using a sample light in a private community to demonstrate the effectiveness of the bulbs.

Weiner showed map of the Weed and Seed area and spoke about doing an inventory of what currently is in the target area. He noted there are 82 aluminum light poles in the target area; Leonard blvd has 12 existing fixtures, all different kinds. Knowing the challenges of retrofitting the community, the goal at this point would be to develop a dialogue with the power companies, enhance the neighborhoods and aesthetics of the community. The committee also discussed going underground with some of the lighting areas. DeBerry commented that operations and maintenance is the function of the committee and the idea of doing underground in a particular area is a capital improvement project not the function of this board. Mr. Miller comments: Underground wiring is subject to splicing and can contribute to

Commissioner Frank Mann enters the meeting

To date the district has received \$306,000 from taxing district but there still is a \$120,000 shortfall of the budget.

DeBerry commented on considering the idea of selecting an area to focus lights we should know where we are at this point with installation. We have 64 LCEC lights, 18 FPL lights, with 175 budgeted to install for rest of year, if we use 82 poles to go in the targeted area plus an additional cost for 10% raise that was granted to FPL we will be challenged to meet these needs with the current budget.

The discussion resulted in the committee determining that we will contact the power companies and request they attend meetings to make sure they understand our issues and where we stand and to start developing a dialogue to move forward.

Correspondence: 2 letters from individuals commenting about the efficiency of the board in getting his lighting.

New business:

\$3600 is requested by FPL for 14th and Williams, Lincoln and Johns for additional installation charges to poles in this area.

Comment by David Wagley: Coordinator from an area commented about the fact that some neighborhoods don't want lighting. This is always a consideration for each community and will be considered.

Debra Shuman

Secretary

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